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Applicant(s): Schechter et al.

Examiner: Alex B. Toy

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For: COMPRESSIBLE JAW CONFIGURATION WITH BIPOLAR
RF OUTPUT ELECTRODES FOR SOFT TISSUE FUSION

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- [] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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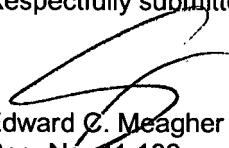
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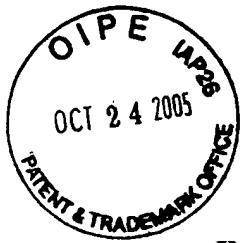
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The above-identified application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action Summary mailed September 19, 2005.

REMARKS

In the Office Action Summary, the Examiner required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species under 35 U.S.C. §121 for prosecution on the merits, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. The Examiner stated that the claims are directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: the species of Fig. 2; the species of Fig. 3; the species of Fig. 4; the species of Fig. 5; the species of Fig. 6 and the species of Fig. 7.

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